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The USSR has given a guarantee to the GDR government that it will reject further Four-Power negotiations in the event of a ratification of the Paris agreements.

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Comment. The Soviet declaration that the USSR would not be ready for four-power negotiations after the ratification of the Paris agreement may be designed to mollify Grotewohl who was said to have been offended by the recent Soviet declaration on Germany. It is also possible that this guarantee to Grotewohl was given with a view to its usefulness in pressuring the Western powers into early four-power negotiations.

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